

I am very disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

As I understand it, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I do not feel as though the public interest is being served when they present partisan material as news. Their ability to dictate programming at so many local stations is eroding our democracy. We need local stations to report news in their own communities and be responsive to their own communities. Instead, they are broadcasting material that is centrally produced and is responsive to the economic and political interests of the large corporations that control our media.

The FCC should take Sinclair's actions into consideration when it renews licenses and makes media ownership rules. We need the FCC to play a stronger oversight role and prevent these abuses of media concentration. Thank you.